

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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Richard Weatherly's *A Brush with Birds* Book Launch

A Brush with Birds celebrates the exquisite artworks and incredible life of one of the world's finest bird painters, Richard Weatherly OAM.

A skilled falconer and acclaimed artist, Richard has spent more than fifty years observing birds and their natural habitats around the world. Everywhere from Antarctica to Zimbabwe to New Guinea, Australia and America.

In A Brush with Birds, Richard accompanies his stunning paintings and sketches with fascinating insights, anecdotes and knowledge gathered throughout his career.

Richard's work continues to document and celebrate the natural world, and reminds us of the importance of conserving our unique environment.

BOOK LAUNCH

Date: Saturday 28 November 2020

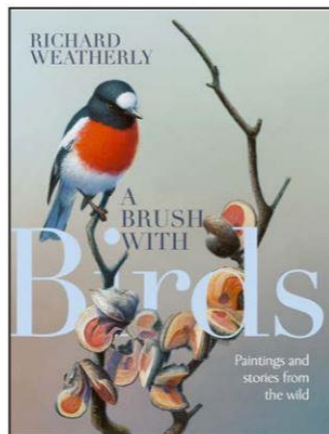
Where: The Dunkeld Garage Gallery

Time: 3.15pm

Regional author/artist Richard Weatherly will sign copies of this beautiful book.

Enquires to Roz Greenwood 0417 360 362.

Covid-19 restrictions apply.



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Jane Jones \$30

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CHURCH TIMES

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| 4 th Week | Sunday | November 22 | 9.00am | Assembly of Word and Communion |
| 5 th Week | Sunday | November 29 | 9.00am | Assembly of Word and Communion |
| 1 st Week | Sunday | December 6 | 8.30am | Mass |
| 2 nd Week | Sunday | December 13 | | No service – Mass at Glenthompson |
| 3 rd Week | Sunday | December 20 | 8.30am | Mass |
| 4 th Week | Sunday | December 27 | 9.00am | Assembly of Word and Communion |

Covid-19 procedures apply. Please click on the following link for our Online Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-blQdgo2Zk0xN9ki93aFjw>

or follow our Facebook page to receive notification of online masses: <https://www.facebook.com/westernbordercatholicparish/>

If you would like to receive regular email links to invite you to watch our Masses, please email our Parish Office on admin@westernborder.church

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

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Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Services in the Parish are now available on You Tube and Face Book. Also on Google, click in **Hamilton Uniting Church Livestreaming**. Available at **11.00am Sundays** or can be viewed at a later time.

Anyone wishing to speak / or meet with Rev Angie Griffin is welcome to contact her regarding a suitable time and place on **0417 367 227**.

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT | SUN |
|-----|------|--|-------|--|-----|-----|
| 16 | 17 | 18 Newsletter issue 18 distributed | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Newsletter issue 19 cut off. LAST ISSUE FOR THE YEAR | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 1 | 2 Newsletter issue 19 distributed | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |



DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Membership payments and application forms may be forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson, 341 McIntyre's Crossing Road, Moutajup or phone: 5573 3353.

Remembrance Day

2020: President, Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch, Mr Terry Noble conducted a Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph in the Dunkeld Memorial Park on Wednesday 11 November 2020, under wet and rainy conditions.



Terry shared the following event that took place with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), seventy-eight years ago:

HMAS Perth was sunk during the Battle of Sunda Strait (Indonesia) with a loss of 350 of her crew.

HMAS Perth and her American allied ship the USS Houston were ordered to sail for the Sunda Strait, Indonesia.

En route they encountered the Japanese Western Invasion Force at the entry of the Sunda Strait. The Australian and American Navies were outnumbered and drastically running low on ammunition.

HMAS Perth and USS Houston fought desperately against incredible odds and above all those odds sank four Japanese transport ships and a mine sweeper but under the immense weight of the Japanese convoy and their fire power the end was inevitable, with fire power of the Australian and American Navies running low the Captain (Hec Waller) of HMAS Perth order his ship to attempt a force run through the Japanese convoy.



Soon after this force run the first of the Japanese torpedoes hit and almost immediately a second hit, Captain Waller had

no choice but to order abandon ship. The ship was hit multiple times during this evacuation.

Both the Australian ship and the American ship damaged the Japanese Navy which helped to alter the course of the oncoming attacks from the Japanese, both the Australian and American Captains went down with their ships.

Of the 686 crew members of HMAS Perth more than half perished in this last force of action and a further 320 Australian crew were captured and taken prisoner, a further one third perished due to the poor and terrible treatment and conditions of their capture.

Let us today remember all our lost men and women of our defence force. Lest We Forget.

Commemorative wreaths, bouquets and poppies were respectfully laid at the Dunkeld Soldiers Memorial.

A sincere thank you to the local community for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. Thank you also to Adrian and Melissa Field, Dunkeld General Store; Peter and Sharon Rees, Café 109; Geoff and Belinda Potter, Dunkeld Old Bakery and Brendan Kelly, Kelly's Dunkeld for allowing us to sell poppies through their businesses. Your support is greatly appreciated. Funds raised are used to assist both current and former serving members of the Australian and Allied defence forces and their dependents when in need. For more information please visit: poppyappeal.com.au

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***NOTE CHANGE OF HOURS**

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Member for Wannon

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RED CROSS NEWS

Notice has just arrived from Zone 5 Rep and Chair **Linda Carr**, that the **Zone**

Meeting meant for this week in Port Fairy, has been cancelled. Personnel are not coming out from Melbourne and most groups have not been meeting.

However, at this stage, the first **Zone Meeting for 2021**, will be at the **Daisy Turner Room in Hamilton on Tuesday 16 March**, from 10.00am for 10.30am start. **Nareeb Red Cross** will be catering, so that usually means **Dunkeld** as well, but we will know in plenty of time.

Carolyn Ratnik (Community Action Coordinator) came through from Geelong on Friday and collected our package of **used stamps**. Thank you **Betty Barker** and **Joan Pearson** for your donations. Used stamps are great money raisers and can be left with **Terrie** at the school office (please leave in the mailbox at the entrance of the school) or with a **Red Cross member**.

Iris Field, Secretary

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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

Acquisitions and war cabinet revamp

While the Museum has been closed and with the installation of new lighting in some of the display cabinets, we have taken the opportunity to refresh some of our displays.

The war cabinet now has more of an emphasis on World War 11. The collection of artefacts has been enhanced with donations from the **Armytage family** and **Neil Duckmanton**.

The story of **Peter Armytage's** experiences during the war includes being shot down over Germany during a bombing raid, taking refuge in various farmhouses through Germany, Holland and Belgium, and being captured by and becoming a POW of the Germans.

The Armytage family gained possession of a piston from the Lancaster bomber that Peter had flown and have recently gifted it to the Museum. The piston has become part of our display, accompanied by a much more detailed account of Peter's experiences and the amazing story of how the family came into possession of the piston.

Neil Duckmanton has gifted the Museum a WW11 gas mask-respirator that was issued to him when he served in the Australian Navy (post WW11!). This mask is also part of the revamped display.

The Museum Committee sincerely thanks the donors of these items.

World War II Research

We would love to hear from anyone who has information and/or photos of anyone from the district who served in WWII, including prisoners of war.

Please call Joyce 5574 9236, or email the Museum: admin@dunkeldmuseum.org.au

Memberships

Peter Nelson has recently become a life member of the Museum. In recent years, Peter has been a valuable resource for our World War I research and is currently helping us with World War II research for a planned Museum publication.

Bendigo Bank Grant

The Museum has been successful in its application for a Community Investment Grant, for the purchase of stationery items to assist the functioning of the Museum. The Committee extends its thanks to the **Bendigo Bank Dunkeld and District Community Bank Branch**.

Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group Inc

We need your support!

The arboretum is one of the great features of Dunkeld, enjoyed by many and is maintained and looked after by a team of dedicated volunteers.

Due to COVID-19 we have not been able to have our usual fund raising events such as the street stall and catering at the Saw Mill Open Day. This means we have not been able to raise any funds to help meet our financial obligations.

On-going costs, such as fuel and maintenance of lawn mowers are required to keep the arboretum looking good and to cover our insurance requirements.

If you can support us with a donation, please do so. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Thank You!

Kind regards

David Hampton

(President of Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group Inc)

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Café 109 are open for sit-in and outdoor dining, while bookings are not essential it is recommended, walk-ins will be allowed if we have space available and the bar will be open for those dining in, our takeaway and delivery service remain the same.

Our operating hours are as follows:

- Monday - Closed**
- Tuesday – Chicken Parma Night 4pm – 8pm**
- Wednesday – 4pm – 8pm**
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- Friday - 4pm – 8pm**
- Saturday & Sunday - Lunch 12pm - 2pm**
- Dinner 4pm – 8pm

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Dunkeld Bowling Club News

The 100 Up:

The 100 Up championship was held on Saturday 10 October 2020 on a sunny day, with a light breeze, a very impressive field of sixteen players took to the rink.

In the first round Tony J beat Angus J, Shanks defeated Ken Prewett 103 – 92, Cloud in a struggle beat Peter Mc 102 – 98, and Cat defeated Troy 100 – 94, all games were very competitive. Into the second round Tony defeated Shanks in a brilliant game 103 – 102, Skeeta defeated Cloud 102 – 98, Fiddler defeated Grub 104 – 86 and Cat defeated Neil S 106 – 94.

Round three, Skeeta defeated Tony 101 – 99 and in another ripper match Fiddler defeated Cat 101 – 99.

Into the final, another good battle with Fiddler beating Skeeta 103 – 87. Well done Fiddler, a win well deserved. ***It is worth noting this was the **third** consecutive year Skeeta has been runner-up, well bowled Skeet.***

Club Championships:

In terrible cold and windy conditions, making playing conditions most difficult a very good field of twenty-two players (the largest field for some years) contested this prestigious event.

In the opening round new bowler Simon Macgugan had a great tussle with Matt Cole winning 25 – 24. The game between Troy Greed and Gus came down to the last bowl with Gus up on 25 – 24. Prewie beat Syd; another top game 25 – 24 and Skeeta defeated Frank 25 – 16.

Second round saw Skeeta defeat Prewie 25 – 21 and Shanks defeat Tony 25 – 19.

Fiddler played Gus winning 25 – 15 and Cat overcame John Mac.

Into the final between Skeeta and Shanks and in another enthralling battle it was Shanks who claimed his **second club championship** defeating Skeeta 25 – 23. Congratulations Shanks, a well-deserved win.

Another great effort by Skeet, he certainly has been bowling most consistently by being runner-up in both the 100 Up and Club Championship.

Well done to all who participated and congratulations must go to all players (who as stated earlier played in terrible conditions), the standard of bowls and level of competition was a credit to all.

Pennant:

On Saturday 31 October 2020, Division 3 played our first game of the season at home and the first in the new association (the Western District Bowls Division). In chilly and windy conditions, Dunkeld had an impressive win against Warrnambool White winning all three rinks and 24 shots up. The team of Skeeta, Dan Mc, Shanks and Fiddler had an impressive win 27 – 19.

Syd, Gary, Cat and Troy another strong win 26 – 13, ably backed up by Frank, Tony J, Ken Prewett and Gus up 21 – 18. A great start to the season and it was good to see the Warrnambool team continue to socialise for some time after the game.

On Saturday 7 November 2020 we ventured to City Memorial to play in magnificent conditions under roof/indoors. Playing Memorial White the Wannan team of Syd, Gary, Cat and Troy won their rink by four shots, 20 – 16.

The team of Skeeta, Cloud, Dan Mc and Fiddler made a great comeback being well down to get back to only lose by three shots, 17 – 14.

Frank, Tony, Prewie and Gus fought for a 26 – 10. Overall a loss of two rinks and 15 shots down, which leaves us sitting third on the ladder.

Division 3:

Division 3 will continue to play in the Far Western Association and will start their pennant season mid-December.

A reminder to all who wish to play in the Division 3 squad, there will be a meeting on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 8.00pm following pennant training to discuss and formulate the team composition, election of skippers and selection committee.

Gary Wall, Publicity Officer



Good News from Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre!

Restrictions have now eased and Dunkeld Community Centre can now open its doors again, with some limitations and requirements.

The official wording is: "Community venues, including libraries and neighbourhood houses, are open for up to 20 people indoors with a maximum of 10 people per space, subject to density limits."

So, we can host meetings and events with a maximum of 10 people per booking, and a maximum of two bookings at a time. COVID-Safe practise such as, social distancing, mask wearing and hand sanitising will be required.

During this COVID-normal period **all** rooms will be free of charge for Dunkeld community groups, subject to booking.

- The Green Room seats a maximum of 9 people
- The Supper Room will easily accommodate the maximum of 10 people currently permitted
- We have sectioned off the John Myers room and 10 people can be comfortably accommodated in the closed-off area.

Whilst we will clean between bookings we ask that facility users wipe their chairs, tables and frequently used surfaces with the hospital grade sanitised wipes which we will provide.

Our COVID-Safe Plan requires that a record of all visitors be recorded. Each room will have copies of the forms. Please BYO pens.

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation in helping us meet our COVID-Safe obligations. Please give me a call (0412 855 359) or email (info@sterlingplace.com.au) if you wish to make a booking.

Annette Jones
Manager



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| Wednesday | Closed |
| Thursday | Closed |



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Landcare News

SOME WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

If you were to sneak into the Lady Chapel a few moments before morning prayer, you probably wouldn't see anything much. Just some old guy sitting by quietly himself. Not a lot seems to be happening. The dew of silence has deliciously settled over this space.

Silence has at least two different levels. First, there is keeping silent. This is the silence where there is no noise that can be heard. No radio, no TV, or sound of any kind. Not even a dog barking. This is the abstaining from speech and making words with our mouths. Sometimes that is very difficult to do. We are provoked by the most unlikely things. It's then that we respond quickly and without thinking of the consequences.

The other level is being silent. This is something much more than the lack of outward noise. This is an inner attitude of gentleness, accessibility and availability. It is a stilling of, or quietening of, the nosiness that is within us. And I think this a much harder gig. There can be so much stuff and noise slushing around inside of us, particularly when we are uncertain and adrift. When we are flustered, fearful and flummoxed, we should not only keep silent but we should be silent. Breathe and ask a few hard questions. Like 'Will this matter in six months time?' 'Is this a first world problem?' 'My options are...?'

There is also a connection between being silent and keeping silent. It is when we can keep silent that we have the resources to be silent. One is always feeding the other.

So while the crazy old guy in the chapel might mutter sometimes, there is also a lot of activity going on in the apparent inactivity. He is both keeping silent and being silent and sometimes just 'Being'.



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1. **Grant to support bittern habitat** - and you can listen to the bittern call:

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Funding is available through the Bittern Recovery Project to support landholders to help protect swamps with Bittern habitat. Works can include:

- fencing of wetlands or sections of reedbeds
- reducing stock grazing
- weed removal and pest animal control
- restoration of blocked drains - supported by Nature Glenelg Trust

Funding depends on assessment of the habitat. Expressions of interest close on 30 November 2020.

Info: Jacinta Hendriks 0408 793 326 |

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bitternrecovery>

Web: <https://www.ghcma.vic.gov.au/.../cur.../australasian-bittern>

What's booming in the wetland? Not a lot is known about the Bittern, that is why the Bittern Recovery Project is keen to hear from you! If you see or hear a Bittern, please contact me so that we can improve our understanding of this critically endangered waterbird. BirdLife Australia is supporting the project by supplying audio recorders to landholders to monitor their swamps, please get in touch with me if you're interested.

Jacinta Hendriks

Senior NRM Planner | Waterways and Biodiversity

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Due to COVID-19 the Glenelg Hopkins CMA office is closed to the public and I am working remotely. During this time, I am contactable via email and mobile phone from 8.00am – 4.00pm, Monday – Thursday.

2. **Endangered joeys spotted in Grampians National Park (Grampians Ark is working - and with your help with the program - this is what is being achieved!)**

20 October 2020: The precious population of endangered Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies in the Grampians National Park has grown by four, with surveillance cameras spotting joeys. Pictured in pouches and on-the-move during September and October, the new joeys take the estimated number of the wallabies in the national park to 13.

The last known Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby was removed from the Grampians in 1999 to become part of a breeding program – which was successful, with wallabies then re-introduced in 2008. The only other known colony in Victoria is living in the Snowy River National Park.

Since their reintroduction to the Grampians, the wallabies have been carefully monitored and managed by Parks Victoria and its partners.

The animals face direct threats from predators including foxes and feral cats, and to their habitat from cleared vegetation and proximity to a range of human activity. To help protect the wallabies, and a range of other small mammals, fox and feral cat control is currently being delivered in the national park. Part of the *Grampians Ark* conservation program, this work is being funded by the

Victorian Government's \$33.67 million Biodiversity Response Planning and Weeds and Pests on Public Land initiative. Weighing between 6–8kg and standing around 60cm tall, Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies are smaller than most other species of wallaby. As the name suggests, it has a bushy tail, which provides balance as it traverses a rocky habitat of cliffs, ledges, crevices and caves.

Thought to have become extinct in Victoria following extensive hunting for its meat and fur throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the wallaby was rediscovered in 1937 and is now considered one of Victoria's most endangered mammals.

Quotes attributable to Derek Sandow, Grampians Ark Coordinator–Parks Victoria:

"It's incredibly exciting to see these endangered joeys that have been born in the wild from within this small colony."

"Our team has been working for a long time to protect these special animals, recently ramping up our conservation program to target foxes and feral cats in the national park."

"This a unique environment and home to a range of native animals, plants and birdlife – it's critical we protect the Grampians for future generations to enjoy."

Supporting video:

<https://spaces.hightail.com/space/zigGVUpbyq>

3. Grampians Ark Fox Control Program

Baits are laid on participating properties from Monday 21 September - Monday 23 November 2020.

4. IPM with Paul Horne and Jessica Page

Recently Paul and Jessica visited both Todd Burger and Jan Austin's paddocks, to view and advise on their diverse insect populations within their fodder crops. We filmed this day (of course following all covid19 procedures), and we will send it out to you as it contains valuable and interesting information concerning dealing with insect pests. Stay tuned for this!

5. The role of pH in soil organic matter dynamics

Due to factors such as soil type and rainfall, the soils of the Glenelg Hopkins region are naturally acidic (pH<7). While much attention is given to the effects of soil acidity on availability of important plant minerals, and damaging impacts of aluminium, the role of pH in building and retaining soil organic matter receives less consideration.

At a time when farmers are being encouraged to increase soil carbon levels for production and to help mitigate risks of climate change, understanding the role of **the role of pH in soil organic matter dynamics** becomes important.

Please consider the invitation below to attend a webinar on this important topic.

Richard Murphy

Land Health Coordinator | Integrated Catchment Management

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National Landcare Program



Glenelg Hopkins



Invitation:

The Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences warmly invites you to the 2020 GW Leeper Memorial Lecture, which is being held online this year and titled **The role of pH in soil organic matter dynamics**.

Almost half of the world's potentially arable land area occurs on acidic soils. In Australia, 77–90 million hectares of agricultural land are affected by soil acidity, and these areas are expanding due to ongoing acidification.

This acidity affects agricultural productivity. Amelioration of soil acidity is expected to increase crop residue inputs (stems, roots and other plant matter left in the soil after harvests), but this may also accelerate organic matter decomposition.

In the 2020 GW Leeper Memorial Lecture, Professor Caixian Tang will report on his team's research on the impacts of soil acidity (pH) on soil organic matter dynamics.

In the lecture, Professor Tang will provide an overview on the short and long-term impacts of lime application on the dynamics of soil organic carbon in acid soils, followed by a summary of the effects of crop residues on soil pH and associated mechanisms. Finally, he will discuss how plant roots affect the decomposition of soil organic matter through the rhizosphere priming effect and by changing pH in the rhizosphere, the dynamic soil microbiome immediately adjacent to plant roots.

Friday 20 November, 12.00pm - 1.00pm AEDT

To join this online lecture, please get in touch with me (Lisa) and we'll get you registered.

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Communities**

'Hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.' Proverbs.

One day a grandfather told his grandchildren the story of how he went to live in America. He told of the trains and ship that took him from his home in Eastern Europe. He told of being processed along with other immigrants at Ellis Island, and how he'd gone to a cafeteria in Lower Manhattan to get something to eat. He sat down at an empty table and waited a long time for someone to take his order, but nobody came.

Finally a woman with a tray full of food sat down opposite him and explained how a cafeteria works. "You start at the end," she said, pointing towards a stack of trays. "Then you go along the food line and pick out what you want. At the other end they'll tell you how much you have to pay." The grandfather reflected for a moment and said, 'I soon learned that's how everything works in life. Life is like a cafeteria, you can get anything you want - even very great success - if you're willing to pay the price. But you'll never get what you want if you wait for someone to bring it to you. You have to get up and get it yourself.'

His story is like that of the volunteer, they see a need and get off their glutimus maximus (tail) and put in the hard yards. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Peter Hinchey



SCHOOL NEWS

Another couple of weeks has flown by and we are half way through the term again. I continue to commend all our students and staff on the phenomenal effort they have all put in this year. 2020 certainly has been the year of building resilience through constant change!

School Operations

With the easing of some restrictions throughout the state, schools are still very much guided by the Department of Education and Training in keeping strict health and hygiene measures, to ensure the continued safety of students and staff. We cannot have parents on site yet unfortunately, but look forward to welcoming everyone back when we can.

Athletics Sports

Thank you to Jackie McShane and Angela Field for their organisation and coordination of the School Athletics Sports. Thanks also to all staff who contributed on the day and afterwards in running the field events in PE lessons. This year was unique in not being able to have parents involved, so 'thinking outside the box' was done again to provide our students with opportunities so they didn't miss out on yet another event this year. There are still some events taking place – we are working with the weather. Results to be announced once all events are complete and results tallied. Congratulations to all our students who demonstrated great sportsmanship and determination in their events.

Reader's Workshop

Staff have recently been engaged in Debra Sukarna's Reader's Workshop online professional development. Teachers have been working with Deb to implement the program that will complement our Writer's Workshop program, bringing our Reading and Writing together more. We look forward to sharing our whole school focus as we implement the program in 2021.

Transition

Our formal Kinder to School Transition program begins this week with Mrs McShane visiting the Dunkeld Kindergarten today to meet students face to face and Mrs Howard will visit in the coming weeks. Kinder students will then make some short visits to school and we hope they can have a full day

interacting with all school children on our 'Step Up' day on Tuesday 8 December 2020.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition is now able to take place with similar restrictions of small group visits to secondary schools. This will be wonderful for our Year 6 students to start familiarising themselves with their secondary school setting. Information to come from Secondary Schools.

Permanent Modular School Building

There has been a lot happening around the place with the new building coming along quickly now. It is looking great and we look forward to sharing it with our students soon. My apologies, there has been a delay on the sharing of the photos and videos. They are now available to view on our school Facebook page.

Kind regards, Dee-Anne Gerring

SCHOOL HOUSE ATHLETICS – TRACK EVENTS MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2020

Wannon Sports Captain Report by Lucy Fraser

On Monday 2 November was the athletics carnival, the school only did track events such as 100 metre sprint, 200 metres, hurdles and 800 metres. Here is what some children thought of the athletics carnival.

Indi Mibus enjoyed the athletics because 'We got to experience a fun day, it was very exciting and enjoyable.'
Indi Mibus, Grade 4

Jackson thought the athletics were fun, he tried his best and liked having an enjoyable time with his teammates. Jackson O'Keefe, Prep

Edward Alderman thought the athletics were wonderful and astonishing. His favourite event is high jump, and he won the sportsmanship award for Wannon. Edward Alderman, Grade 3

STUDENT REPORTS - TRACK ATHLETICS – MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2020



On 2 November it was the Athletics. I didn't get a ribbon but all that matters is having fun. It was a bit hot, I was very proud of myself. I am in Sturgeon and we had a blue marquee. There wasn't a gust of wind in the air. Henrietta Patterson, Year 2.

On Monday it was school sports. It was a challenge but we tried. The first thing my group did was a 200 metre run. Zoe and Isla aren't in my group but they ran with my group because they missed their run!! They did a fantastic job!! I came third, I thought I tried my best. I was very proud of myself because I got a ribbon! I clapped for Lucy because she came first. I cheered for lots of people. After recess we did the hurdles. I came third again! I was still very proud. After the hurdles we did the relays, which were lots of fun. We did not get a ribbon because it was a fun activity. I love athletics! Wannon did a great job but I am in Sturgeon. Elodie Cochran, Year 2.

Last Monday on the oval at school we were running around the oval. The Prep and Year 1 students had to run half of the oval. We did hurdles, we did sprints, we also did relay. The

Preps and Year 1 did the tiniest hurdles in the world. *Jed Russell, Prep.*

On Monday we had athletics day on the oval at school. First we did running, second we did hurdles. Lastly we did running and running relays. *Sybil Patterson, Prep*

Last Monday we ran a quarter of the oval. Next we did hurdles then we did relay then we did Melbourne Cup stuff. It was a great day. *Bobby Blackwell, Prep.*

Last Monday we did athletics, First we met in our house groups. So second we went to the oval. Next we did hurdles. Last we had relay races. I loved it very much. *Nellie Wickens, Prep.*

First we waited for our captains and had a meeting. Then we got to do a race it was a running race. Second we did hurdles and running and then relays. *Xavier Macgugan, Prep.*

On Monday we did athletics. We did run, we did hurdles, we did relays. It was hot, it was fun. *Michaela Roache, Prep.*

On Monday the whole school did running, then we did hurdles and relays. It was hot and great fun. *Dempsey Gerring, Prep.*

We had Athletics Day. I ran fast. I got two green ribbons for running and hurdles. It was great fun. *Jackson O'Keeffe, Prep.*

On Monday we did Athletics Day. I got two ribbons they were green. I got a purple ribbon from Kinder. *Ruby Ryan, Prep.*

MY BUSINESS RULES MARKET DAY

On 30 October 2020 the Year 6 students had their first Market Day for My Business Rules. It was a little different to last year because we had to sanitise after handling money. Everyone did very well under the circumstances and they all had great products. The Year 6 students were a little nervous but now they are ready for the next market day.

We had to present a business pitch to the class to show what our product is and how much it cost to earn our \$30.00 loan. We also made advertising posters that can be found on the walk way. Everyone's table looked very fancy with table cloths and a great set up of their items. All of the customers were spoilt for choice.

The next market day is on **Friday 20 November 2020**. We would like to thank everyone for supporting our businesses. Make sure to bring your money on the day of the next market!

Bonnie Jackson, Hayden Phillips and Georgia Adams, Year 6

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



From the Kitchen ...Year 4/5
The Kitchen (acrostic)

Kitchen is one of the best subjects ever!
I see delicious looking sausage rolls in the distance.
The yummy fennel was swallowed whole by my big cave looking mouth.
Come here sausage rolls, as the first one enters my mouth.
Here comes a burned tongue, I screech in fear, as I gasp for water.
Everyone humming yummmm, putting layers of crispy fresh batter in their mouth.

Now we can appreciate Clare and Bev for setting everything up.
Giving up on making these would be a huge life mistake.
A thought of joy filled the room as the juicy nutrients enter my mouth.
Right now I'm about to make more, because they are so delicious. Darcy Potter overlooked by a sausage roll.
Even though I only got eight, it was worth the taste.
Never again will I ever taste this scrumptious, delicious, breathtaking food. *By Darcy Potter, Year 4.*

Golden Crispy sizzling sausage rolls.

As the sausage rolls were getting taken out, my face was wide open ready to eat God's food. When my plate of sausage rolls came I screamed in happiness. When I took my first bite I was in food heaven. It was delicious!
By Jack Reynolds, Year 5.

As I bit into the sausage roll it felt like a little fire ball jumping around in my mouth. It was the spiciness of the curry powder. The sound of the golden pastry crunched like stepping on lolly wrappers. *By Charlie Linke, Year 4.*

From the Garden...by Lisa McIntyre

These last two weeks has seen us flower gazing ... not a bad way to spend some time - especially when it was raining! There are so many beautiful flowers appearing right now, of all shapes and sizes and colours and fragrances. But why are there flowers at all? Why do these plants produce flowers? That is what we have been investigating. We observed the different ways plants entice pollinators to their flowers, by producing beautiful coloured and patterned petals, fragrances, pollen and nectar. We found out that it was not only European honey bees that pollinate flowers - so many other insects, birds and small critters help pollinate as well. Even humans! (And also the wind). Looking closely, we could see tiny insects in action. We dissected the flowers to see the different structures - sepals, petals, stamens, anthers, pistils, stigmas and ovaries. Even learning how to use a magnifying glass to observe the different structures that make up the flowers, was a great exercise. Even the most hardened students let out gasps of amazement as they identified each part, and saw the small insects actually pollinating.

From the Garden...by Lillian Glazebrook and Myles Alderman

In the past week, all students have been working hard in the garden, cooking up sheep poo tea, removing snails from garden beds and cleaning chicken hay.

We have also been very busy harvesting snap peas, snow peas, and green peas. Year 5 and 6 had a very refreshing snack during gardening as there were so many peas!

The Year 4/5 students had an interesting gardening session last week, learning about the different parts of a flower and how flowers reproduce. One Year 5 (Mitchell Gordon) got quite a fright when he pulled back some hay in the chook shed to find a nest of baby mice underneath it.

The Dunkeld Consolidated School wants your Used Batteries!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has been conducting an ongoing Battery Collection Fundraiser.

Kelly's Dunkeld have kindly offered to be a central collection point for used batteries for the Dunkeld

Consolidated School (thank you to Jason Linskens who was instrumental in organising this). Any unwanted car, truck, tractor, boat batteries etc may be dropped off at Kelly's Hardware Store, 101 Parker Street, Dunkeld.

Components of used batteries e.g. metals, acids and plastics are reclaimed, recycled and put back into the manufacturing process to build more batteries and household products, 98% of the battery is recycled.

If you require any assistance with the pick-up of your used batteries, please contact Simon Ross on 0408 984 499.

Thank you for your support!

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FRIDAY
27 NOVEMBER

Join Hamilton Gray Street Primary School as we honour the lives of our young friends lost to cancer this year.

Workplaces, schools and businesses - wear your fanciest dress, your craziest hair or your biggest and brightest outfit to help us celebrate our special friends Ivy, Baylee and Penelope.

Register your participation with Gray St Primary School at hamilton.ps.gray@education.vic.gov.au and share your pics on our facebook page!

Let's add a bit of colour and fun to what has been a challenging year, and raise some money to help find a cure for childhood cancer and support organisations helping families of children with cancer.

PETER MCDONALD PLUMBER & GAS FITTER

- * NEW HOME PLUMBING
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- * WINDMILL REPAIRS & SERVICING
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Of things ethereal

Today I would like to offer you a personal story. It happened a long time ago, about 32 years to be exact. Jeanine was pregnant with our second child and we were enjoying our first born Stephanie. We were in the parish of Timboon which had Saint Jude as it's patron. Saint Jude is the Patron saint of hopeless cases, or more politely 'things almost despaired of'.

Stephanie was diagnosed with a rare, very nasty form of childhood cancer and at that point and even for some time after her death, despair engulfed us.

And while there were many, many tears and engulfing anguish, here we are after all these years thinking of Stephanie fondly, asking her prayers and looking forward to that day when we see her and rejoice with her once again. In all that time Mother Mary was and is a powerful person praying for us; for she too knows what it is to outlive a child. Her only child. In all that time Saint Jude patron of things despaired of, of hopeless cases, was also praying for us. For we are never completely without hope. It certainly feels like it and we can't grasp hope, measure it out, take some for breakfast. Hope does not work like that. Hope and faith and prayer are those ethereal realities that we can only glimpse in the rearview mirror of time.

Surer than you read these words friend, Saint Jude prays for us, Mother Mary prays for us and Stephanie prays for us. And we join with them when we come to the altar, joining our prayers with them in the Alleluia song of the resurrection.

Father David Oulton